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\$856,000 Bond Quota

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War Bond Sales In County Total \$569,228 During Drive To Date

Sale Of "E" Bonds Is Below Expectations In All The Districts

Bear Grass First To Go Over The Top With Over-All Subscription

Martin County's \$856,000 war loan drive felt its first big push during the past few days when the total sales were boosted from around \$125,000 to \$569,228 leaving the campaign \$286,772.00 short of its goal. The week-end developments are really encouraging, but the drive is rapidly drawing to a close, and the people of this county will have to get busy if the goal is to be reached by Saturday of next week.

While the over-all subscription to date is encouraging, the sale of "E" bonds is lagging and lagging miserably. It is quite apparent that the general public has not awakened to the challenge, that individual pleasures and acts that are questionable in these trying days continue to squeeze in ahead of the war effort. The brazen acts of some, it is reported, is badly hampering the sale of "E" bonds in some quarters, and leaders of the drive are not at all optimistic over the sale to date.

The sale of "E" bonds and distribution of tickets for a special show in the Marco Theatre here Wednesday evening will have to get a large last-minute support if the undertaking is to meet with success. A special show, "Two Sailors and a Girl," will be shown free to all purchasers of "E" bonds. The offer is open to any one in the county. As for the picture, it is being released ahead of schedule, and it is hoped that it will play to a packed theatre tomorrow evening. If you haven't bought a bond and received a ticket, act at once.

Reviewing the bond sales as of Monday afternoon, County Chairman Herman A. Bowen stated that Bear Grass had already gone over the top in its over-all subscription. Although the outlook is not as discouraging as the preliminary figures would seem to indicate, Jamesville reports \$5487.50 sold. Williams has subscribed to almost one-half of its quota. Griffins has raised about one-fifth of its quota, mostly in "E" bonds. Bear Grass reported sales in the sum of \$70,237.50. Williamston is well over three-quarters of the way in its purchases. Purchases total about one-third of the goal in Cross Roads. Robersonville is about one-half complete. Popular Point is over the half way mark while the sales in Hamilton total about one-tenth of the quota. Little has been heard from Goose Nest, the first reports crediting that district with sales in the sum of only \$75 against a \$29,000 quota.

	Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 25,000	\$ 487.50
Williams	11,700	4,850.00
Griffins	46,800	9,243.25
Bear Grass	30,000	70,237.50
Williamston	361,600	294,475.00
Cross Roads	30,000	10,881.25
Robersonville	257,999	128,127.50
Popular Point	12,000	6,956.25
Hamilton	52,500	5,018.75
Goose Nest	29,000	75.00
	\$856,000	\$530,351.00

"E" bond sales were reported by districts, as follows: Jamesville, \$487.50; Williams, \$1,350.00; Griffins, \$8,243.25; Bear Grass, \$1,237.50; Williamston, \$33,475; Cross Roads, \$881.25; Robersonville, \$25,127.00; Popular Point, \$956.25; Hamilton, \$3,018.75; Goose Nest, \$75, a total of \$72,851. In addition to those purchased...

Award Purple Heart To Local Young Man

Wounded twice in recent weeks somewhere in Italy, 1st Lt. Billy Biggs, young son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Biggs of Williamston, was recently awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster.

According to indirect reports received from a returned friend, Lt. Biggs has been in the thick of battles for weeks or until he was wounded. The young man was in a tank when it was hit and blown up, but he didn't get a scratch. Just how he was wounded could not be learned, but it was stated that he was hit by shrapnel in the leg and hip, and that he is to undergo an operation for the removal of the objects soon. Lt. Biggs is now in a rest area, one report stating that he was able to walk around O. K.

County Well Represented in New Guinea



Martin County is well and ably represented over in New Guinea, the above picture showing nine county youths or enough to give a spot on the island a Martin flavor. They are, top row, left to right, Russell Roebuck, John W. Gurganus, Haywood Wynne, Morris Stalls; bottom row, Gilbert Ward, Robert James, Ben Hopkins, Maurice Pate and Dick Slade. The boys say they are getting along well.

PRISONER



Missing since May 10 in a raid over Austria, R. J. Hardison, Williamston youth, is now held prisoner by the Germans, his parents were notified this week.

Martin County Well Represented In The Pacific War Theater

Nine County Young Men Form A Single Group Over In New Guinea

Even though the European War holds the spotlight and possibly has more men and equipment, the Pacific War is no sideshow. Late and far from complete reports clearly indicate that Martin County is well represented in the Pacific theater all the way from the frozen north right on down through the Marshall and Solomon Islands to New Caledonia and possibly New Zealand. The county boys are so numerous that they are running around in groups of nine, and impromptu meetings of the home boys while still a bit rare are being reported.

The following letter written by Cpl. James Dalburgh Riddick to his parents just a few days ago tells about a chance meeting in the Marshalls:

"The first thing I want to talk about is the big surprise I had a couple of days ago. I had been to the post exchange with some of the boys and we were on our way back when I saw a guy resembling James Roebuck standing on the beach. When we got nearer I could see it was him. We were so surprised to see each other that we just looked at each other a couple of minutes before we could say anything, and then we shook hands for almost five minutes. I am telling you we were really glad to see each other. We have been living

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LONELY

Anticipating the certain loneliness that would follow the removal of approximately 200 Martin County youths to a pre-induction center two Martin County boys who were not included in the current draft call, are said to have volunteered and reported for their preliminary examinations this week.

They are Slade Revels, RFD 3, Williamston, and Dallas Russell Lynch, of Hamilton.

Bennie Weaver Is Now Stationed In Pacific War Area

Finds Australian Money a Bit Complicated To Handle In New Guinea

After a long wait, the mail is coming through from New Guinea where Martin County lads, if it were possible for all of them to get together, could carry on a fairly sizable war of their own.

Bennie Weaver, in a recent letter to his parents, tells about the big island. Since that letter, the young man is recovering from an operation for appendicitis in a hospital there.

His letter follows, in part: "Well, I finally heard from you and I really was glad to get the letter. Today we haven't been doing much except trying to get some floors in our tents. Last night we had one of those New Guinea rains and it sounded like the sky fell out. This morning everything was muddy and when I say muddy, I really mean muddy. Some of the men told us it was just a shower to some of the rains. Wow, now I wonder what it's gonna be like when it does rain.

"Hope everything is okay at the dairy and on the farm and hope the crops turn out O.K.

"The natives here look just like those I've seen in books, bushy hair and some of them have red hair. They love American cigarettes. We have to sleep in mosquito nets all the time. I only hope I don't get the malaria like I did at home. We have been taking atabrine. We have a stream nearby and I've already been swimming. It's just like the Ole Swimming Hole.

"I hope I get the 'Enterprise' soon. I could stand some good town news.

"This morning a native woman passed by and she was just like you see in magazines. She had practically no clothes on but personally, I prefer those good ole Williamston sweater girls. She also had a knife in her hand big enough to kill an elephant. Last night a native boy came around to our tent and I talked with him a lot. He could understand me pretty good and he liked to hear me talk like Donald Duck. I would say, you savey, and he would laugh and say, I savey. It's fun talking to him. I don't think I've told you but we have to use Australian money down here and it's kinda complicated.

"On the boat we passed the International Date Line and lost a day and it was mighty funny going to bed Sunday night and waking up Tuesday morning. When we passed the Equator it really was HOT. The trip was like a dream and so is this country.

"Write every chance you get and also tell Pop to write. It really makes a boy feel good to get a letter from his dad. I certainly do miss him and all his wit and humor.

"Send me some hard candy, mints, etc., but nothing that will spoil. Also send pictures and write often. I'm getting along fine. Did get seasick the second day at sea and I thought I would die."

Local Boy Scouts To Get Swimming Instruction

All Boy Scouts of local troop No. 29 are reminded to meet at the municipal swimming pool here tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock for special swimming instruction under Cpl. W. S. Hunt.

TOWN FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Army Trucks For Farm Use

The farmer in critical need of a truck may apply to his county Agricultural Adjustment Agency committee for a used Army truck, the War Food Administration announces. Upon the basis of application on hand and further investigation, AAA offices prepare letters certifying to the needs for available trucks. These letters authorize truck dealers to negotiate with proper authorities and buy the trucks for resale to approved applicants. WFA warns that for some time relatively few persons who need trucks for essential agricultural purposes will get them.

The 680 delegates attending a 4-H Club convention in Stillwater, Okla., set their goal for at least one \$25 War Bond from the personal earnings of each club member in Oklahoma and agreed to promote the sale of bonds to members of their families and their neighbors.

Farm Plans for War Vets

In formulating principles of guidance for establishment of veterans, war workers and farm youths on farms after the war, the Interbureau Committee of the Department of Agriculture points out that most of the good agricultural land in the United States already is in farms. Approximately one and one-half million veterans with farm experience may wish to return to farming, and thousands of farm youths will be looking forward to a place in agriculture, the committee reported. "Intensification, improvement and further development in productive land areas" might make 350,000 family farms available during the five years after the war, and if additional farms are needed, perhaps 300,000 more could be developed within 10 years through reclamation, the committee said.

Galvanized Ware for Civilians

Increased production of galvanized pails or buckets, tubs, washbats, wash boilers, funnels, garbage cans, ash cans, fire shovels, coal hods and scuttles for civilian use have been permitted by easing of the War Production Board restrictions on types of iron and steel that may be used.

Prices on Low Cost Clothing

Retail prices on new low cost clothing items that meet specifications of WPB as announced by the Office of Price Administration, will be: cotton house dresses, \$1.49, women's cotton slips, 65 cents; men's printed, solid color and white shirts, (Continued on page six)

R. J. Hardison Now A Prisoner of War

Reported missing over Wiener-Neustadt, Austria, since last May 10, R. J. Hardison, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardison, of Williamston, is now a prisoner of war of the German government, it was learned here yesterday morning. The message was received from the International Red Cross and stated that a letter would follow from the Provost Marshall General.

While the family had received messages from Major General N. F. Twining, his commanding officer, and the young man's chaplain, the information yesterday was the first that had reached here telling of his whereabouts and assuring his family that he was safe.

The commanding officer in his personal letter said, in part: "It is to Ros and the many brave men like him, who risk their lives daily on combat operations, that we owe the credit for our many recent successes. His many friends join me in extending our deepest sympathy and earnest hopes that you will be notified of his safety."

Young Hardison, a staff sergeant and crew chief and aerial gunner on a B-24 bomber, volunteered in August, 1942, and entered the service the early part of last year.

CANNING SUGAR

Exhausting the supply of canning sugar application forms a short time ago, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board is now receiving applications for the special sugar allotments. Applicants will submit Ration Book No. 4 and their applications will be placed before the rationing board for approval. The special allotment certificate will be mailed to the applicant. Special rations, in addition to the amount allotted by blanket orders, will be limited to ten pounds.

Over 1,000 applications have been received and nearly 12,000 pounds of canning sugar have been allotted.

Record Number of County White Youths Leave For Service Center For Pre-Induction Examinations

Cherbourg Falls in West and Russians Start Drive In East

About Two Hundred Youths Answer June Pre-Induction Call

It is now fairly apparent that the race to reach Berlin is now under way on three sides with the Allied Air Force holding a dagger on a fourth "side". Developments during the next few days or weeks are likely to determine the trend of the war, whether a fairly quick victory over German will come or whether a stubborn resistance will be maintained until the last.

The American and British forces have now completed the second phase of their invasion. The fall of Cherbourg, officially announced this morning by General Omar Bradley, opens the way for the unhampered transfer of heavy and mobile equipment in vast quantities from England to France. During the meantime, the British are already expanding their gains on the eastern

sector of the Cherbourg Peninsula, enhancing the springboard position for the march from the west toward Paris and Berlin.

Cherbourg defenses were forced last Sunday, but the Americans encountered stubborn resistance before mopping-up operations were officially announced complete this morning in the big port city. A few enemy remnants are still hanging on just north of the city, but operations to restore the port facilities to use are already under-way. It was stated this morning that the condition of the harbor and installations had not been definitely determined, that it was not known how long it would take to restore the damaged property and make vital use of the port.

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Three-fourths of Boys Come From the Farm; About Thirty Married

One of the largest groups of young white men to ever answer a pre-induction call in this county left here yesterday morning for their preliminary examinations at Fort Bragg. Traveling in four big trailer buses, the young men had not been heard from early this afternoon. In all probability, they will not return before late tonight or Wednesday.

The draft in past months has struck heavily at all branches of endeavor, but the current one was centered for the most part on the farms of the county. Of the 202 men called, 177 came from the farms. The call just about depletes the 18 to 26 age group, but it is possible that the July call will be smaller and that it can be filled from that group of boys reaching their eighteenth birthday.

In at least two instances, the call swept so clean that two boys, left alone in their communities, volunteered and accompanied the group to the service center.

Twenty-nine of the men are married and they leave twenty-three children at home. There were 43 boys 18 years of age, 43 who are 19, and 43 who are 21. Thirty-one are 20 years old. Nineteen are 22 years of age and eighteen are 23 years old. Three are 24 and two are 25.

Four boys called to report were transferred, as follows: James Elton Smith and James Bernice Keel to Baltimore, Arthur Elton Crisp to Charleston and Melvin Hulon to Tarboro. Three boys, William Edgar Price of Hamilton, Edgar Martin L. Whaley of RFD 1, Sharpburg, and Larry Moore Roebuck, RFD 1, Oak City, did not report for pre-induction examination.

The names of the men called, their registration and last-given addresses are as follows:

Fred Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston and Newport News, Va.

James Elton Smith, Robersonville, and Newport News, Va.

Elmer Haywood Swain, RFD 2, Williamston, and RFD 3, Williamston

Melvin C. Stalls, Dardens, Robersonville.

Jesse Earl Rawls, Jamesville and Wilmington, Del.

Jasper Williams, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston.

John Arnold Stalls, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City.

Leon Crafford Williams, Jamesville and Norfolk.

James Bernice Keel, RFD 1, Robersonville.

William David Scott, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Arthur Elton Crisp, Charleston, S. C.

James Wendell Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville.

William Edgar Price, RFD, Oak City.

Robert Earnest Whitley, RFD 3, Williamston.

Llewellyn Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville.

James Harry Wynne, Robersonville.

Roland Cecil Chryer, RFD 3, Williamston and Ocala, Fla.

Martin Luther White, RFD 1, Hobgood.

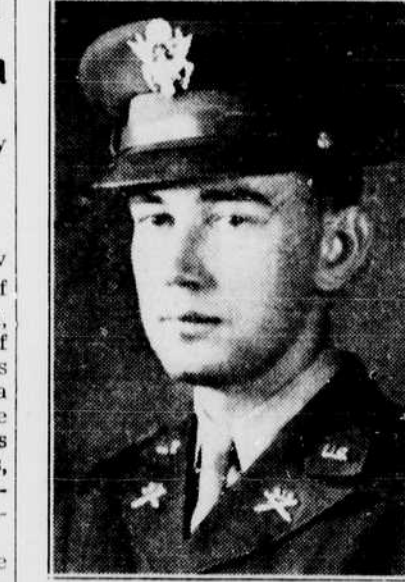
James Harmon Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Clarence Earl Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston.

Leve Clayton Moore, RFD 3, Williamston.

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WOUNDED



Wounded twice in the Italian fighting, First Lieutenant Billy Biggs was recently awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. The young man is now in a rest area.

Funeral Service Is Held Here Sunday For Jno. H. Mizell

Prominent Churchman Died In His Sleep Early Last Saturday Morning

Funeral services were held at the home near here last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock for John H. Mizell, prominent figure in the Primitive Baptist Church, who died in his sleep some time during the early hours of last Saturday morning. Elders B. S. Cowin, his pastor, and A. B. Ayers conducted the last rites and interment followed in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Suffering a stroke of paralysis about eight years ago, Mr. Mizell had been in feeble health since that time. However, he was able to be up most of the time with the exception of short periods. He retired last Friday evening feeling as well as usual and apparently had a second stroke during the night. When he failed to answer the call for breakfast, members of the family went to his room and found him dead. Apparently he died three or four hours before he was found.

The son of the late James A. and Charlotte Coburn Mizell, he was born on a farm near Williamston, on October 18, 1872. He spent his early life there, moving to Williamston years later to engage in the building trade. More recently he had operated a grist mill near here.

When a young man he was married to Miss Mary Ella Peel. Two

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CLOSED

The supply of material exhausted, the local Red Cross bandage room has been closed for an indefinite period, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman, announced this morning. Increased cooperative effort during recent days made it possible to complete the June quota slightly ahead of schedule, it was explained. Additional material is expected shortly and the room will be reopened as soon as the goods arrive, it was announced.

Getting Along All Right Somewhere In England

Writing under date of June 11th, Pvt. Henry Luther Harris states that he is getting along all right and that he is receiving and enjoying The Enterprise regularly. He asked to be remembered to all his friends in Martin County.